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Remarks

This is a second Response to the final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006 which rejected claims 1-2, 5-8 and 11-18, and objected to claims 3-4 and 9-10.

A first Response was filed July 7, 2006 by the Applicant to present arguments in favor of patentability and to request reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection. An Advisory Action mailed July 21, 2006 indicated that the final rejection would be sustained.

While the Applicant respectfully maintains the patentability of the finally rejected claims, the Applicant has elected to take the allowable subject matter in the present case. The Applicant reserves the right to bring one or more continuing applications to continue prosecution of the rejected subject matter.

Accordingly, amendments have been presented above to incorporate the language of claims 2-3 into independent claim 1, and to incorporate the language of claim 9 into independent claim 7. Claims 2-3, 9, and 13-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. The dependency of claims 4 and 10 have been adjusted in view of the cancellation of claims 3 and 9, respectively.

It is believed that with these amendments, all remaining issues with regard to the final rejection have been eliminated, and the present case is in immediate condition for allowance.

This is intended to be a complete response to the final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should any questions arise concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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